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Odisha			
4.	Infrastructure Development at Puri, Shree Jagannath Dham-Ramachandi-Prachi River front at Deuli under Mega Circuit	2014-15	50.00
Punjab			
5.	Development of Karuna Sagar Valmiki Sthal at Amritsar	2015-16	6.45
Rajasthan			
6.	Integrated Development of Pushkar/Ajmer	2015-16	40.44
Andhra Pradesh			
7.	Development of Amaravati Town, Guntur District of Andhra Pradesh as Tourist Destination	2015-16	28.36
Assam			
8.	Development of Kamakhya Temple and Pilgrimage Destination in and around Guwahati	2015-16	33.98
GRAND TOTAL			187.81

Development of New Tourism spots in Uttarakhand

†2057. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government believes that Uttarakhand is endowed with natural beauty;

(b) if so, whether Government would consider providing special economic package for tapping the natural beauty potentials of the State and development of new tourist spots; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (DR. MAHESH SHARMA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Developing and tapping the tourism potential of the State is the responsibility of the respective State Government/Union Territory Administration. Ministry of Tourism provides Central Financial Assistance (CFA) for projects which are complete as per scheme guidelines, subject to availability of funds and utilization of funds released earlier.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

The Ministry has sanctioned in the current year ₹ 80.37 Crore for 'Integrated Development of Eco-Tourism, Adventure Sports, Associated Tourism related infrastructure for Development of Tehri Lake and Surrounding as New Destination-District Tehri, in the Himalayan Circuit under Swadesh Darshan Scheme.

Funding of Nila tourism corridor project in Kerala

2058. SHRI K. K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Centre is planning to fund the Nila tourism corridor project in Kerala, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any fund has already been sanctioned for the project; and

(c) what are the other tourism projects in Kerala that the Centre is considering for funding support?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (DR. MAHESH SHARMA): (a) to (c) The Ministry of Tourism has launched the Swadesh Darshan scheme in the year 2014-15 with a vision to develop theme based tourist circuits on the principles of high tourist value, competitiveness and sustainability in an integrated manner by synergizing efforts to focus on needs and concerns of all stakeholders to enrich tourist experience and enhance employment opportunities. The Ministry has initially identified following twelve thematic circuits for development under the scheme: North-East India Circuit, Buddhist Circuit, Himalayan Circuit, Coastal Circuit, Krishna Circuit, Desert Circuit, Tribal Circuit, Eco Circuit, Wildlife Circuit, Rural Circuit, Spiritual Circuit and Ramayana Circuit.

The Government of Kerala has submitted Nila Rural Tourism Circuit under Rural Tourism Circuit of the Swadesh Darshan scheme. As on date no funds have been sanctioned for the project.

The Government of Kerala has submitted project proposals for Development of Pathanamthitta-Gavi-Vagamon-Thekkady (Eco Tourism Circuit), Sree Padmanabha Swamy-Aranmula-Sabarimala Temples (Spiritual Circuit) and Kerala Coastal Circuit (Coastal Circuit) under the Swadesh Darshan scheme.

Buddhist Circuit

2059. SHRI C. M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has identified Amaravathi, Nagarjunakonda and Vizag as one of the three circuits under Buddhist Heritage Trails to be developed as Buddhist Circuit; and